

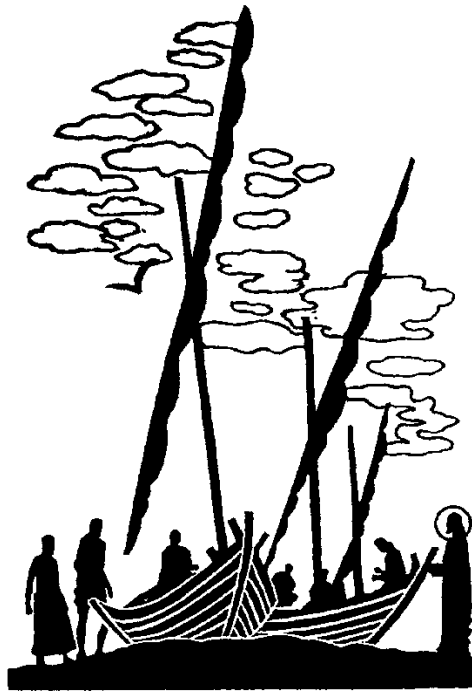
BRECKSVILLE

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

We give thanks, gracious Holy One, that through Christ the walls that divide us begin to crumble and fall. May Christ's Spirit of compassion inspire and empower us to live as a One faithful community throughout the earth. Amen.



Sunday July 19, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor

• Rev David Shackle

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are male, female, or transgender,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,

Or a life-long member of the UCC,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual,

You Are Welcome Here!

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person with differing abilities,

You Are Welcome Here!

Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,

We welcome one another to this place,

even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!

WELCOME TO VISITING PARENTS

We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour:

- ✧ Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.
- ✧ Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers.
- ✧ Crayons and paper for children are also available from ushers.

Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave, and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or becoming a member, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for one. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Williams Sound Personal PA receiver available for your use in the sanctuary. Pillows for your back support are also available.

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 - 12:00

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July 19, 2015 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Meditation Music

Holy Source of Life and Love, help us to know the height and depth and width of your awesome compassion and grace. And help us to show and to share that same compassion and grace with others. Amen.

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Two Little Fishes and Five Loaves of Bread

Tharpe

*"He broke the bread up
And also the fishes
And then his disciples went ahead
But the more passed round
The more they found
With lots left over when all had been fed
On only two little fishes
And five loaves of bread."*

Sister Rosetta Tharpe (1915-1973)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Life of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

L: The Holy One invites everyone to come to the waters!

P: We come to soak-in Divine Love and Grace!

L: We come to feast upon the Living Word,

P: That we might minister to the world's hungers.

L: We come to drink from the Fountain of Life,

P: That we might minister to the world's thirsts.

L: Blessed are all those who serve others who are in need,.

All: For they shall show-forth the abundance of Divine Love and Grace!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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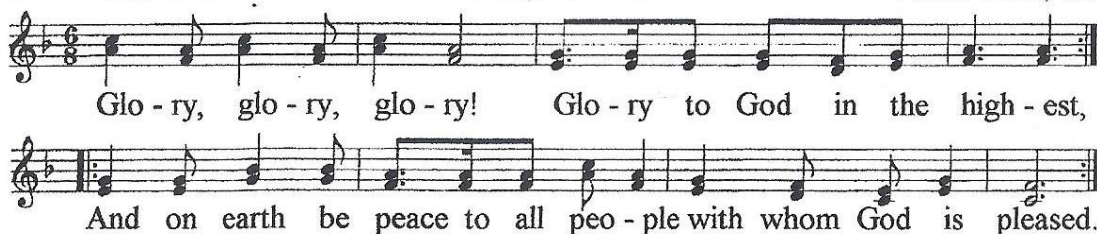
*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

Gracious Holy One, you call us to be your Family, daughters and sons to care for your world and all within it. Teach us how to work with you to feed the hungry, heal the hurting, and bring new hope and life where there is sorrow and despair. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit, so that we might joyfully praise and serve you with our words, and with our entire lives! Amen

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Old Testament

Exodus 14:13-17; 21-22

Pew Bible, page 61

The New Testament

Mark 6:41-52

Pew Bible, page 41

The Continuing Testament

from *Miracles Require Hope*

by Nancy Rockwell

Time with Young Worshipers

Musical Offering

O God beyond all praising

Holst

Matt Wolbert and Kate Klonowski, vocalists

Sermon

The Magic Formula

Pastor Dave Shackle

Hymn of Reflection

Crashing Waters at Creation

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The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

...Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory

At Home

Grieg

***Offertory Hymn**

We bring our gifts because we care,

They are a part of what we share.

Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.

With hearts of love we share our gifts. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

Holy Source of Life, we remember and give thanks that you provide for all our needs. Your love has kept and sustained us. Your giving to us, enables our giving to others. Continue to inspire and lead us, so that we may truly be generous. Use us and our gifts in your loving service, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lovingly gave himself for us all. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Music

Here Is Bread

Kendrick

"In this bread there is healing,

In this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit,

Christ is with us here."

Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Going with God's Love

*Hymn of Departure

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte

* Circle of Community

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** (3 times) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith*



*Benediction

Postlude

Be Exalted, O God

Chambers

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

George Sarandou and family, Dassie Matsuoka, Ann Toneff, Dan Renovetz, Jan & G. Wardlaw, Bill Harris, Doris Schmid, Kirk & Lee Sanderson, Doug Lightbody, Kathleen Stewart, Mary D'Agostino, Shirley Duncan, Donn Whyte, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, July12, 2015 – Adults: 67 Kids: 5 Total: 72

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our Guest Book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS -- We offer several child care options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

FOR OUR COMMUNION SERVICE, grape juice is used instead of wine for the purpose of showing solidarity with those among us who may be in recovery from addiction.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Max Roha in Loving Memory of David J. Roha (May 7, 1950-July 18, 2013). Mary C. Roha (August 4, 1922-July 21, 2001), and Lois L. Wallin (March 29, 1923 - July 21, 2007).

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS To save the cost of mailing please pick up your quarterly statements in the Commons area.

SCHEDULING DURING JULY, & AUGUST: Please let Caroline Chandler know if you cannot serve during the vacation months. An e-mail at chandler9143@roadrunner or a phone call at 440-526-9714 would be fine.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING! We will be partnering again this year with the Independence Presbyterian Church to create an amazing and fun experience for our pre-school (3-5 years) and school-aged (K-5th grade) kids this summer. Save the date for the week of August 3rd - August 7th for "Camp Discovery" at the Independence Presbyterian Church. Details are being planned, but there's sure to be "s'more" fun to be

had this summer at Vacation Bible School! Feel free to contact Kate Klonowski if you are interested in volunteering: keightykay@gmail.com or 216-534-3498.

USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES We collect used printer cartridges and Recycle them to turn in to Office Max for credit toward our office supplies. Please put your empty cartridge in the Office in a basket marked “**Max**” We appreciate your help!

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule in the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

MONTHLY CALENDAR ONLINE the Church Calendar is also printed on our website: www.brecksvilleucc.org. It is filled with up to date events, and times, even last minute changes. Please check it out.

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

The Readings

The Old Testament - Exodus 14:13-17; 21-22

Moses said to the people of Israel, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Holy One will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Holy One will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Holy One said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers....

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Holy One drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The New Testament - Mark 6:41-52

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces of the bread and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand. Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were closed.

The Continuing Testament - from *Miracles Require Hope* - by Nancy Rockwell [edited]

Everywhere Jesus went, there were crowds of empty, aching folk who believed Jesus was the answer to their needs....They wanted miracles, because they believed they could not meet their own needs. Jesus, though, kept asking them to feed each other, kept telling them they could do this - they could meet each other's needs and find the fullness of Life they sought in one another. They needed to believe in themselves, and to have *hope*. The disciples were scared to try to feed such a hungry crowd, to accomplish something so incredible. But Jesus urged them to try. The struggle was between their fear of failure - and their *hope*. When they finally did as Jesus asked; when they tried offering the little they had, to the vast hunger of the crowd, *everyone* was fed! Fed by one another, as that food was passed from hand to hand to hand.

Who can explain a miracle? How many *hands* are involved in it, how many *hopes*, how many human souls? Who can explain where Life comes from, or how Life can even come from death? Who can explain the slaughter of nine beautiful lives in a church prayer group in South Carolina, and the fear and horror set loose by it? Who can explain how that horrible event could be turned into a powerful public conversation - voices and prayers rising so convincingly, that already impossible things have happened? The Confederate flag has come down at the South Carolina state capitol, and at the Alabama state capitol, and is no longer allowed to be used at National Parks or Memorials or Cemeteries. What raised the Confederate flag 50 years ago, was resistance to Civil Rights. What brought it down this week was thousands of human voices saying "No More of This!" We have all been given a Feast of Hope by the public conversations, and by the legislative actions. And we need to say "Amen" - because a miracle has happened, and we have seen it with our own eyes!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, July 22	6:00 am	Early Birds
Thursday, July 23	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Sunday, July 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 19, 2015

Lay Reader:	Tia Began
Head Usher:	Kathy Smith
Ushers:	Tim Wallis, Kim Dessoify Dot Bailey, Tina Ortiz
Acolyte:	Courtnei Began
Peace Candel:	Carli Began
Sound:	David Pastor
Comms Grtr:	Jill Zedan
Narthex Grtr:	Stu Bailey
Flowers:	Tina Ortiz
Nursery:	Kate Klonowski
Counters:	Stu Bailey, Jim Kaul
Servers:	Sue Stenzel
Clean-Up:	Anne Melo & Doug Fawcett

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE

JULY 26, 2015

Lay Reader:	Sue Stenzel
Head Usher:	Jan Renovetz
Ushers:	Ed Lusk, Dorie Gabor Bob Chandler, Sam Koch
Acolyte:	Ben Davis
Peace Candle:	Garrett Demko
Sound:	Doug Fawcett
Comms Grtr:	Jim & Betty Kaul
Narthex Grtr:	Dot Bailey
Flowers:	Betty Gifford
Nursery:	Kathy Pastor
Counters:	Donn Whyte, Bruce McCain
Servers:	Caroline Chandler
Clean-Up:	Jan Renovetz, Pat Bailey